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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 126.

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Internal Combustion Engines.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 46.
 - Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 43.
 - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 48.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 64.
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3270-3304.
 - National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.
 - National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 153.
 - Order—Control of tinsplate (No. 3).
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 47.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 42.
 - Stevedoring Industry Act—Orders—1948, Nos. 7-12.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Holt rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The need for a public inquiry into the circumstances disclosed in and arising out of the Goldberg case".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Holt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

5. REPRESENTATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 14th April, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to increase the Number of Senators and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Evatt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1948.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 14th April, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1946 ’ and the ‘ Senate Elections Act 1903–1922 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Evatt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Dedman, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.